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Serial No. : 09/549,410
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For : Automated Ticket Cancellation Device
and Process For Canceling Uniquely
Numbered Tickets

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

This paper addresses the Office Action dated April 19, 2002. Initially, please enter the following amendments. A version with markings to show changes made is attached to this paper.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

1. (Amended) A lottery terminal capable of canceling an unplayed uniquely numbered lottery ticket having a control number and an area with thermally reactive coating material disposed thereon, the terminal comprising:

a microprocessor for controlling the operation of the terminal;

imaging means for imaging the unplayed lottery ticket; memory means for storing data pertinent to the unplayed lottery ticket; and

an automated lottery ticket cancellation device including means for receiving the unplayed lottery ticket